Growth Fund of Kerala

6873. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Govt. of Kerala has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for financial assistance for the proposed Growth Fund of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Assistance to Bihar State Road Transport Corporation

6874. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have provided any assistance to the State Road Transport Corporation, Bihar during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to criteria laid down for providing Capital Loan Assistance to S. R. T. Cs, Capital Loan Assistance is given to those S. R. T. Cs which do not incur any net loss or run at break-even. Bihar SRTC had incurred losses during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 and as such was not eligible for capital assistance.

Cotton Industry

6875. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:
SHRI RAMKRSHNA KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote the cotton industry in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any Scheme to provide cotton to exporters on international prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the exporters of cotton and cotton cloth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) and (c). Under the Import and Export Policy (April), 1992 March, 1997), duty free import of raw material is permissible subject to fulfilment of export obligation and value addition, under the advance Licensing Scheme.

(d) Government 's endeavour is to promote the export of value added products. Volume of cotton exports are decided after assessing the crop situation and keeping in view the interests of the growers, textile industry and the weavers. Government has